Dear Parents and Friends,

I would like to welcome back all our students, teachers and parents to the last term of the school year. I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to our new families joining us this term. We hope you enjoy being at our school as much as we do. As a school we are committed to delivering excellence in education. I would like to challenge our students and school community to join us in this commitment. Attendance is critical for learning and the attainment of individual learning goals. Can I remind all parents and carers to let our school know if you have changed addresses or phone contact numbers over the holiday break? Up to date contact numbers are important, particularly in emergencies. Please ring the office and provide the up to date contact information if this applies to you.

Reading

It is both heartening and compelling to witness the improvement in student learning outcomes emerging as the result of the implementation of high yield practices. These practices are underpinned by quality teaching and building assessment literate learners. Our school has identified some excellent gains in reading achievement from this time last year to now. Our end of Term 3 data indicated universal improvement across the school in all year levels from the end of Term 3 2014 to the end of Term 3 2015. Our short term data conversations and analysis indicated that our whole schools PM reading benchmark achievement was 54.1%. When this result is triangulated against the data at the same time last year they have improved by 13.3%. At this same time in 2014 we had 40.8% of students achieving benchmark at the end of Term 3. To have such strong movement across the whole school is enlightening. An even greater result is that this fantastic achievement is also tracking at 2.3% improvement for the whole school gain against our Term 4 data last year. This is fantastic and should be celebrated by all. Our data has moved from 52.1% of students reading at benchmark at the end of Term 4 2014 to 54.4% at the end of Term 3 2015. This is a significant improvement in reading achievement for our students and is an indication that the strategies we are implanting and embedding are achieving positive results for our learners. I am extremely impressed that we are seeing the evidence of our hard work and our staff should be extremely proud of this achievement. Against the gain from Term 2 to Term 3 this year our students have improved by 5.1% from 49.3% to 54.4%. Overall this is an improvement from 49.3% (141 students) to 54.4% (156 students) who are now reading at Benchmark.

Wearing the Uniform with Pride

I was also impressed with the number of students who returned to school wearing their full school uniform. Wearing the uniform is integral to being in the mindset of an engaged learner and allows students to feel part of the school community. It is school policy that students wear their full school uniform to school every day. It is expected that students wear the maroon TVSS polo shirt and maroon shorts everyday with the exception of the school

**Important Dates**

- 14th October - P & C Meeting
- 19th October - Pupil Free Day
- 26th October - Book Fair Commences
Principal’s News Continued...

sports shirt that can be worn on Fridays only. Year 6 students are also permitted to wear their senior shirts with their maroon shorts as well. Your support in ensuring that your son/daughter is in school uniform every day is greatly appreciated.

Attendance Rewards Focus Review for 2016

Attendance is a serious concern for us at Townview. Students who do not attend 95% of the time miss critical learning opportunities. An absence of 5 days will reduce a student’s attendance to below the 95% threshold. We are currently revising our focus on attendance as the data is considerably alarming. Last term our attendance data was 86.3% and I am concerned that too many students are missing out on engaging in the Australian Curriculum. The Australian Curriculum is a scaffolded curriculum which means that each unit of study builds upon the next. If students miss the learning connections from one unit to the other then the gaps in their education will increase. We are constantly trying to close the gap for our students and we must have regular attendance to enable students to have the best opportunity to learn. As a school we value every student’s education and as such we will be adjusting our focus on how we acknowledge good to great attendance for 2016. One of the strategies we will be reviewing is the implantation of how we reward students who have regular or 100% attendance. Our focus will be on implanting a ‘Success Guarantee’ program that acknowledges and links attendance to academic achievement. I will be providing further information in regards to this as we progress through the term. There will be significant changes to the current rewards system that acknowledges student commitment to coming to school and engaging in classroom learning opportunities to build intrinsic motivation and develop positive attendance to improve achievement.

Earn and Learn

Wow, what fantastic support we received from our school community to help us earn reward points to purchase learning materials and sporting equipment for our school. Last year Townview State School earned 18,000 points and set this year’s goal at 20,000. This goal was absolutely smashed with a total of 33,660 points earned by our school! Thank you to our families and community for supporting our school during Woolworths’ Earn and Learn Rewards Program. The equipment will be enjoyed by our students as well as assisting in their education.

At Townview we are:
RESPECTFUL
RESPONSIBLE
SAFE

Yours in Quality Education,

Loretta White
Hello everyone,

Welcome back to Term Four! I trust that your children have enjoyed a lovely break and are keen to get back to school to embark on another term of learning and fun! It is going to be an extremely busy term with lots of events and exciting things continuing to take place around our school.

Parade 8.40am Monday

As from next week, our school parade will be held from 8.40am in the undercover area. Please feel free to join us to hear about important things happening around the school, as well as to celebrate the achievements of our students.

Prep 2016

Our Prep enrolments are underway and we begin the schooling journey with opportunities for families to become familiar with the program and environment offered by our Prep. In setting our plans for 2016, we want to ensure we have accurate information regarding student enrolment. If your child was born between 1st July 2010 and 30th June 2011 then they are eligible to enrol for Prep for 2016. This term we will be offering the following:

Prep Information Sessions

**Date:** Wednesday 4th November 2015  
**Time:**  
- Morning session: 9.00am - 9.45am or  
- Evening session: 5.30 pm - 6.15pm  
**Venue:** Prep Building

Prep Stay and Play Session

**Date:** Wednesday 18th November  
**Time:** 9.00am—10.00 am  
**Venue:** Prep Rooms and School Library

Your children will get the chance to experience what it is like in the Prep classroom while parents will meet key school staff for: Information about school policies and procedures, library borrowing, P&C, uniforms, tuckshop and programs our school offers.  

Have you completed an Enrolment Form? Please do so as it provides us with contact details so that we can keep you informed. These are available from the school office.

Swimming

Swimming lessons for all students in Years 3 and 4 will commence next Monday 12th October and will run until Monday 16th November. Please ensure the permission slip and money has been submitted to the office by Friday 9th October, if you have not done so already. Children need to bring a towel, swimmers, swimming shirt or T-shirt, sunscreen, hat and suitable footwear.

Sport

This term the two interschool sports offered are Futsal (indoor soccer) and Basketball. These will again be held in carnival day formats on the following days:

Basketball – 18th November  
Futsal – 20th November

Have a great fortnight,

Mrs Leyden
Owen Tuqiri-Onasu in 3A wrote about his class supporting the Golden Octopus Foundation with a “Gold Day” held at the end of last term. Great work Owen and well done to all of our Townview Students who helped to raise money for this wonderful cause!
Library News with Mrs Rigby and Miss Patty

Seriously our Book Fair will be “Fintastic”

It’s almost here -

Commences Monday 26th October. The children have 2 days of viewing and selling commences at the following times:

- Wednesday 28th October 8:15 am - 3:00 pm
- Thursday 29th October 8:15 am - 3:00 pm
- Friday 30th October 8:15 am - 11:15 am

Friday trading is shorter as all books have to be packed and despatched to Scholastic.

Sorry NO CREDIT CARD OR ON-LINE PAYMENTS are available. All orders are CASH ONLY. By purchasing a book from the Fair and entering our competition you could be the lucky winner of the mystery prize, drawn at the close of the Fair. Children are encouraged to enter the Seashell Guessing Competition, guess how many seashells are in the bowl. The winning guess or closest to the number, will win a K Mart voucher. Both winners will be announced on parade Monday 2nd November. Why not purchase that stocking filler and at the same time have a WHALE OF A TIME at the Fair. See you there!

Didn’t make the 50th Jubilee Celebrations to purchase your piece of memorabilia why not call into the library and buy a coffee cup, pen or recipe book.

- Coffee cups $8
- Pens $6
- Recipe Book $15

Tuckshop News with Mrs Ronda

Welcome back to all our Townview State School Families! Hope everyone had a wonderful spring holiday and is well rested and ready for our last 9 weeks of school. The Tuckshop will be fundraising for our school by again running our amazing Christmas raffle - all details will be in the next newsletter.

**Meal Deal**

- Chicken Chips w/ milk and Milo $5.00
- Small pie w/ Popper and Paddle Pop $4.00
Ready for Learning Tuckshop Voucher Winners

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Junior Cricket Sign On Day

Saturday 10th October 2015
Townview State School Grounds

Fun game of cricket from 8:00am